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## **Governor Baker to Address Progress and Future of MBTA Reforms**

*Review of the MBTA's Fiscal and Management Control Board's First Year*

**BOSTON** – Tomorrow, Governor Charlie Baker will address the media regarding the one-year anniversary of the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority's (MBTA) Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB), including the issues that have been learned or discovered, what has been done to date and the work that lies ahead on delivering the reliable and accountable public transit system that riders and taxpayers deserve. Governor Baker will be joined by Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Secretary Stephanie Pollack, MBTA Acting General Manager and Chief Administrator Brian Shortsleeve and Chief Operating Officer Jeff Gonneville.

The [five-member FMCB](#) is led by Chairman Joe Aiello, and includes board members Lisa Calise, Brian Lang, Steve Poftak and Monica Tibbits-Nutt. Since the Board's enactment within the Fiscal Year 2016 budget, immediate appointment and swearing-in by Governor Baker on July 17, 2015 and first meeting on July 21, 2015, the FMCB has met over 52 times, received over 275 formal presentations from staff and others in addition to numerous written reports, and taken over 57 substantive votes.

The FMCB, along with Secretary Pollack and other MassDOT and MBTA leadership, has undertaken a number of service improvement reforms, including overhauling operator attendance and overtime policies, budgeting and finance mechanisms, and cost saving initiatives that are projected to reduce the MBTA's operating budget deficit by 45%. The Board is additionally exploring the use of authority granted by the legislature to explore public private partnerships and cost savings initiatives in cash management and warehouse operations.

In proposing and enacting reforms to the beleaguered MBTA following the winter of 2015 and an extensive review carried out by national leaders in transit, economic development and municipal planning, Governor Baker prioritized a new governance structure dedicated solely to the Commonwealth's public transit system committed to and meeting several times a month to ensure appropriate collaboration and oversight of MBTA issues.

**Wednesday, July 20, 2016**

**Who:** Governor Baker, Secretary Pollack, Chief Administrator and General Manager Shortsleeve, Chief Operating Officer Gonneville

**What:** Update on Progress and Future of MBTA Reforms

**When:** 11:00 AM

**Where:** State House Room 157

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